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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the County of Midland, MI Snag and Debris Removal Flood Prevention and Watershed Protection Project. The intended recipient is the County of Midland, Office of the Midland County Drain Commissioner located at 220 Ellsworth Street, Midland, Michigan 48640. As a result of repeated flood events over the course of nearly 40 years, immense amounts of fallen trees and timber debris have accumulated in the creeks, streams, and rivers throughout Midland County. This inhibits the natural flow of water throughout the Tittabawassee River Watershed and has contributed to the severity and scope of flooding throughout Midland County, which has damaged homes, businesses, schools, and other essential services. Clearing snags and other debris from local waterways and stream channels in Midland County will help reduce the severity and frequency of flooding in the region. Further, this initiative will improve stormwater drainage and improve the water quality of downstream rivers and the Saginaw Bay. This project complements efforts by private landowners and other regional stakeholders to conserve, maintain, and improve the mid-Michigan region's natural resources.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress